



Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC)

Resolution of the RJMEC

24th RJMEC Meeting

**Beijing Juba Hotel, 17 November 2022
Juba, South Sudan**

For the Parties to the R-ARCSS:

1. Hon. Dr. Martin Elia Lomuro (RTGoNU)
2. Hon. Michael Chiangjiek (ITGoNU)
3. Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, (ITGoNU)
4. Hon. Stephen Par Kuol (SPLM/A-IO/NTC)
5. Hon. Gatwech Lam Puoch (SPLM/A-IO)
6. Mr. Malong Thiik Riny (SSOA)
7. Maj. Gen. Bior Leek Kuareng (FDs)
8. Hon. Wilson Lodiong Sebit (OPP)

For the Other South Sudanese Stakeholders and Adherents:

1. Rtd. Bishop Enock Tombe (Faith-based leader)
2. Sheik Jaralnebi Khamis Mursal (Faith-based leader)
3. Mrs. Riya Williams Yuyada (Women Coalition)
4. Mrs. Maria Gideon Gakmar (Women Block)
5. Mr. Akuoch Ajang Nyanhom (SSCSA)
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For the Regional Guarantors:

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2. H.E. Nebil Mahdi (Ethiopia)
3. H.E. Samuel Nandwa (Kenya)
4. Mr. Kabugudho Anthony (Uganda)
5. Mr. Kataps Gaius Keafon (Nigeria)
6. H.E. Mahlodi Muofhe (South Africa)
7. Amb. Prof. Joram Biswaro (AUMISS)
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For International Partners and Friends of South Sudan:

1. H.E. Ma Qiang (China)
2. H.E. Timo Olkkonen (EU)
3. Mr. Jan Huesken (IPF)
4. H.E. Linken Nymann Berryman (Norway)
5. Mr. Andre Kolln (UK)
6. Mr. Enrique Gallego (USA)
7. Prof. Nicholas Haysom (UNMISS)

For RJMEC Secretariat

1. Amb. Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff
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For the Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms:

1. Ustaz Stephen Wiw Bichiok (NTC)
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3. Lt. Gen. Rabi Mujung Emmanuel Laila (JDB)
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5. Maj. Gen. Charles Machieng Kuol (JDB)
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7. Hon. Angelina Teny (SDSR Board)
8. Mr. Angelo Madut (SDSR Board)
9. Lt. Gen. Koang Gatkuoth (JMCC)
10. Maj Gen Ayuen Dot (JMCC)

11. Maj Gen. John Pham (JMCC)
12. Maj Gen. Pal Yiech Lam (JMCC Secretariat)
13. Hon. Gichira Kibara (NCAC)
14. Lt. Gen. Asrat Denero (CTSAMVM)
15. Brig. Gen. Saeed Mohamed Elsheik (CTSAMVM)
16. Hon. Lt. Gen. Ayuen Alier Jongroor, Chairperson, DDR Commission

Observers

1. Ms. Rosemarie Hille (Germany)
2. Mr. Soichi Igari (Japan)
3. Ms. Lydia Minagano Kape (Switzerland)
4. Mr. Ahmad Tawfek (Egypt)
5. Mr. Tomas Brundin (Sweden)
6. H.E. Erdem Mutaf (Turkiye)
7. H.E. Vishnu Kumar Sharma (India)
8. Amb. Aida Wande Eriminio (MoFA, South Sudan)

The 24th RJMEC meeting considered the following agenda items:

- a) Statement by RJMEC Interim Chairperson;
- b) Minutes of the last meeting;
- c) Report from RTGoNU;
- d) Report from the NTC;
- e) Briefing from the UNMISS SRSG;
- f) Reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms (NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR Board, JTSC, DDR Commission and PFM Oversight Committee);
- g) Discussion on the RJMEC Interim Chairperson's statement, UNMISS SRSG briefing and reports from Agreement Institutions and Mechanisms; and
- h) Date of the next RJMEC meeting.

Following the statement by the Interim Chairperson, briefing by UNMISS SRSG, and after considering the reports from the NTC, NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSRB, JMCC, DDR Commission and PFM Oversight Committee, the RJMEC resolved as follows:

1. **Welcomed** the statement of H.E. Amb. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Tai Gituai, the RJMEC Interim Chairperson, his assessment of the status of implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement in accordance with the RTGoNU Roadmap,

updates on recent progress registered, the critical pending tasks of the R-ARCSS, and **endorsed** all his recommendations therein;

2. **Appreciated** Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro, Minister for Cabinet Affairs of the RTGoNU, for his detailed briefing on the status of implementation of the roadmap and **welcomed** his undertaking to engage the Rt Hon. Speaker of the reconstituted TNLA to ensure that all the bills passed by the reconstituted TNLA, including the Constitution-making Process Bill 2022, are urgently submitted to the President for his assent, without any further delay;
3. **Welcomed** the new ambassadors accredited to the Republic of South Sudan and RJMEC members H.E. Gamal Abdelmageed G. Ahmed of the Republic of Sudan; H.E. Timo Olkkonen of the European Union; H.E. Linken Nymann Berryman of the Kingdom of Norway and H.E. Ma Qiang of the People's Republic of China, **congratulated** them on their appointments and accreditation to South Sudan, **wished** them success in their assignments, called for their full support to RJMEC mandate and **expressed** optimism of close cooperation with RJMEC in the pursuit of lasting peace in the Republic of South Sudan;
4. **Welcomed** Hon. Dier Tong Ngor, the Minister of Finance and Planning and Chair of the PFM Oversight Committee, to the RJMEC meeting and welcomed his detailed report on the ongoing economic and financial management reforms and recommendations. In this regard, it **took note** of his assessment of current budgetary constraints, the commitment of government to prioritize funding of peace implementation as well as the appeal to partners to provide additional budgetary support;
5. **Thanked** Mr. Nicholas Haysom, the SRSG and Head of UNMISS, for his detailed briefing, including updates on the current humanitarian situation, its activities pursuant to its protection of civilians mandate, and **welcomed** all his recommendations to the RTGoNU in this regard;
6. **Appreciated** all Chairpersons and/or representatives of the NTC, NCAC, CTSAMVM, JDB, SDSR, JMCC, DDR Commission and PFM Oversight Committee for their reports, **took note** of the reported progress or lack thereof, challenges identified and **endorsed** all their recommendations. In this regard, it **urged** the

RTGoNU High-Level Standing Committee and NTC to urgently mobilise and avail the requisite resources to *inter alia*;

- a. redeploy the graduated NUF and pay their remuneration;
 - b. buy uniform, food, medicine, and provide basic services in the cantonment and training centres;
 - c. pay facilitation allowances of the national members of the NCAC, JRC and CTSAMVM; and
 - d. facilitate activities of the DDR Commission.
7. **Took note** that implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement has entered its fifth year with sustained efforts towards peace, despite the many challenges, and **encouraged** all the parties, stakeholders, partners and friends of South Sudan to forge ahead with more vigor and momentum in order to lay a firm foundation for a peaceful and democratic future in the Republic of South Sudan, including building viable institutions, promoting inclusivity, addressing subnational violence, opening up of civic spaces and promoting democratisation and the rule of law;
8. **Welcomed** the ratification by the reconstituted TNLA of the RTGoNU roadmap, **urged** the RTGoNU to expedite its full implementation in letter and spirit in order to build lasting peace, and to adhere to its implementation schedules by taking practical steps to catch up with any missed deadlines;
9. **Took note** of some of the recent progress made in the implementation of the Agreement, including:
 - a) the passing of numerous pieces of legislation by the Reconstituted Transitional National Legislature, including the SSPDF Bill, the Wildlife Service Bill, the National Police Service Bill, the Political Parties Bill, the Constitution-making Process Bill, and the ratification of the Roadmap;
 - b) the drafting by NCAC of several amendment bills, four of which have already been submitted to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, and the review of the National Elections Act, 2012;

- c) establishment of the *ad-hoc* Judicial Reform Committee (JRC) and commencement of consultations with the judiciary, and other rule of law institutions on areas of judicial reforms; and

graduation of almost 80% of Phase 1 of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF). In this regard, it **urged** the RTGoNU and all institutions and mechanisms of the Agreement to redouble their efforts and expedite implementation of all the overdue tasks of the Roadmap.

10. **Expressed serious concerns** on the lack of action being taken on the perpetrators of the permanent ceasefire violations identified by the CTSAMVM, including for example, for the Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Koch and Leer Counties of Unity State, the torture and killing of three civilians in Kiri Boma of Kajo Keji County, Central Equatoria State, and **reiterated** its demand that the responsible Parties should report to RJMEC in the next meeting on all actions taken in this regard;
11. **Noted with concern** the CTSAMVM reports of violations committed by some SSPDF (July 2022) and SPLM/A-IO (September 2022) in Ikotos and Morobo County respectively, **demanding** that the perpetrators be held to account, and decried the increasing inter-communal violence in some parts of the country. In this regard it **called upon** the RTGoNU, NTC and JDB to expeditiously plan and redeploy all the graduated NUF to provide additional security in the countryside;
12. **Tasked** the Joint Defence Board (JDB) to ensure that SSPDF vacate immediately the occupied SPLM/A-IO designated cantonment sites at Mir Mir, Jekou and Liang to expedite implementation of phase 2 of the unification of forces and to regularly update the RJMEC Chairperson its action and progress in this regard;
13. **Urged** the RTGoNU to take concrete steps to encourage political dialogue, address the causes of sub-national violence, opening of civic and political spaces to promote peaceful resolution of conflicts. In this regard, it **welcomed** the activation of the investigation committees to address and investigate the causes of subnational conflicts and **urged** that it expeditiously conclude their work and share findings in a timely manner;

14. **Called upon** all actors stop the militarization of the Nile River, a vital lifeline for economic development, and **urged** the RTGoNU to take steps to prevent the abuses and extortions of those using the river transport;
15. **Urged** the RTGoNU and partners to avail additional financial and logistical support to facilitate implementation of critical pending Transitional Security Arrangements, including finalisation of the Strategic Defence and Security Review documents, completion of phase 1 and phase 2 of the unification of forces, provision of clear and predictable funding for the DDR Commission and its programmes and fast-track preparations for the management of weapons from troops going into training centres in phase 2;
16. **Underscored** the need for heightened urgency with the adoption of the Roadmap and reiterated the critical role of the RJMEC, and the collective responsibility of all its 43 members to effectively monitor and evaluate the Revitalized Peace Agreement implementation;
17. **Expressed confidence** that a peaceful and democratic elections are possible at the end of the 24-month extension period, provided that all actors and stakeholders change their approaches and strategy, namely:
 - a) the RTGoNU must demonstrate the urgency, the unity of purpose, the commitment, and the extra effort and political will required to implement the priority tasks outlined in the Roadmap as scheduled;
 - b) RJMEC members, individually and collectively, must also enhance their approaches in engaging the RTGoNU and the various Agreement institutions and mechanisms with a strong focus on facilitating progress;
 - c) RJMEC members, to enhance their oversight approach through the RJMEC Working Committees, to identify and flag key priority tasks that require the RTGoNU's early attention and action; and
 - d) the need for all actors and stakeholders to consolidate efforts, speak with one voice, and bring their collective pressure to bear and push for the timely implementation of the Roadmap, thereby creating the conditions for the conduct of free, fair and credible elections.

18. **Reiterated** its appeal to all Parties and designated stakeholders to nominate representatives to the constitution-making bodies to commence their preparation to ensure no delay in the reconstitution or establishment of these bodies;
19. **Agreed** that the date for the next meeting shall be communicated by the Secretariat; and
20. **Decided** to remain seized of all RJMEC matters.

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